

**Open Session Minutes of
February 16, 2010**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Bernard Dunphy**

Chairman Simpson also expressed condolences on behalf of the BOS to former selectman Lou Valanzola and his family on the recent passing of Lou's father.

OPEN FORUM

~Ms. Ellen Partridge of East Water Street spoke to the BOS regarding the new BAT Bus service. The new service is excellent.

1. Open Session Minutes of February 1, 2010

~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes of February 1, 2010

~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled, by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0-1(Simpson).

3. & 4. No items

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. South Shore Recycling Co-op-Bottle Bill-Claire Sullivan Exec. Director

Ms. Sullivan made a presentation and provided information to the BOS regarding the resolution to expand the definition of the Bottle Bill pending before the Massachusetts Legislature. Ms. Sullivan asked the BOS to vote to support the resolution to expand the Bottle Bill.

~MOTION to take this under advisement by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

6. MLB-Auditors Report

Rob Lynch discussed the recent audit summary and financial statement overview. He also discussed the management letter and areas where improvements can be made in reconciling accounts. Discussion took place regarding W-9s and payroll procedures.

TA Chiocca thanked Rob Lynch and Grady Connor for their willingness to help with the transition in the Town Collector's office last spring. They helped guide the town through a change in that office.

Discussion also took place regarding placing the report on the website.

~MOTION to post the audits on the town website by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed on 4-1(Chaffee).

7. BAT BUS

TA Chiocca discussed the beginning of BAT Bus service in Rockland on Tuesday February 22, 2010. Ms. O'Brien rode the first run through Rockland to the scheduled stops and spoke of the timely and friendly service.

8. No Item

NEW BUSINESS

9. Board of Registrars-Vacancy

Mr. Chiocca notified the BOS of a Republican vacancy on the Board of Registrars. He briefly outlined the procedure to fill the vacancy in cooperation with the Chairman of the Republican town committee and according to Mass. General Law.

10. IT Committee Application

Town Collector Judy Hartigan applied to be place on the IT Committee MOTION to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

11. Transfer of Funds Beech Street Funds to Park Dept 09-Tractor

Mr. Chiocca explained the transfer of funds from the Beech Street landfill maintenance account to the Park Department as payment #2 of 6 in keeping with the agreement to purchase a tractor for the Park Department if they would assume the responsibility of mowing the landfill at least twice a year per the DEP Order of Conditions the town of Rockland must follow.

~MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to transfer seven thousand dollars (\$7000.00) from the Selectmen Beech Street line item number 0112252-529714 to the Park Department, A.W. Perry Donation account line item 2305-497000 passed 5-0.

12. Park Dept Surplus Tractor

The Park Department request an old tractor be declared as surplus. Mr. Chiocca explained the equipment had been stripped of all useful parts and was of no further use to the department or town.

MOTION by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to declare The Park Department 1980 Ford tractor Model AH212A, vehicle ID # U502745 as surplus passed 5-0.

29. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

~Mr. Chiocca reminded all departments, committees, and boards that submission for the town report were due February 1, 2010 and some are now late please get them returned to Mary Stewart in the BOS office.

~Mr. Chiocca requested the BOS declare the warrant open for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 3, 2010 and to close the warrant noon on March 12, 2010.

MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms O'Brien passed 5-0.

~Mr. Chiocca informed the viewers that the BOS Agenda for all meetings will be available on the Thursday or Friday before the meeting on the town website.

~Mr. Chiocca announced the Rockland Library had received a letter from the State Board waiving the Minimum Appropriation Requirement (MAR) because the town library had not been treated disproportionately compared to other town budgets.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Simpson read the following into the record:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O'Brien-no comments

Mr. Johnson

~Thanked the Rockland School Building Committee for their diligence in reviewing the recent PLA question regarding the school project.

~Expressed condolences to the family of Bernard Dunphy.

Mr. Zupkofska

~Congratulations to Lt. Erikson regarding his recent service in Haiti.

~Mentioned the School Building Committee 12-1 vote not to adopt a PLA. Questioned why Mr. Chaffee was not at that SBA meeting.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Stressed the need to get the submissions in for the Town Report
- ~Explained the SBA meeting was not held on the usual night for meeting and he had a previous commitment however if he had been at the SBA meeting he would have voted no on the PLA.
- ~Thanked the SBC and the Police Department for their work during the PLA meeting and vote.

Chairman Simpson-No Comments

30. Executive Session

- ~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations with union and non-union personnel and not to reconvene, passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
for the Board of Selectmen

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